

"Control the Controllable"

What another fabulous week of watching our student/athletes grow! As we enter week four of our season many conference matches will be taking place. With this being a reclassification year there are some schools who are now in different classifications and/or conferences. Please keep this in mind when you officiate, as many of these coaches and their players are competing at schools and on courts that they have never been to. Therefore, it is even more important to make clear the ground rules such as playable areas during your pre-match conferences.

Thanks for ALL you do! "It Takes a Village"

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Questions

1. What is the correct hand signal for player #0 being in the net? Answer: Signal with the appropriate hand to form an open "0" (Officials Manual page 26-27).
2. Who determines if the teams stay on the same side or switch benches? Does this have to be mutually agreed upon by both coaches? NO, Rule per the WHSAA: Host management/coach determines this unless the officials deem there is an unfair advantage given to one team over the other. If this is the case, then the teams will switch. The officials should confer with the host management/coach prior to the start of the match so that you can add this to your pre-match conference. Be sure to follow the proper court switching protocol that was in last week's Volleygram. Teams will always be switching during post-season play.
3. Does the R2 blow a second double-whistle at the end of a time-out when it goes the full 60 seconds? NO, the timer will blow the horn to end the time-out. (Officials Manual page 58)
4. What does the R2 do if both teams are ready to resume play prior to the 60 seconds ending? R2 informs the timer to stop the clock and double whistles to confirm that everyone is ready to play, The R2 then informs the timer to sound the horn (the horn ends every time-out), moves to the receiving team's side of the net, gives the number of time-outs used by each team, and gives the court back to the R1.
**If the R2 has already double-whistled a warning whistle, and the time-out ends early, they don't blow a second double-whistle. Every time-out ends with a warning whistle and then the horn! (Officials Manual page 58) .
5. Can a player be over the center line or in the net if she is away from the action of the play? NO, The NFHS rule differs from the college or some club rules. The NFHS center line rule and net rule does not take into account if the infraction occurs away from the play of the ball. The entire net and center line are in play at all times: (Rule Book page 40. Article 7 states: A player may touch the floor across the center line with one or both hands/feet provided that of the hands/feet remain on or above the center line. Contacting the ball across the center line with any other part of the body is illegal).
6. What do I do if the head coach comes up and asks if it is legal for the student section to call her servers by their names? Answer: That would be considered Unsporting Spectator Conduct: Blow your whistle to stop play and have the host management resolve the situation *As an official you would not want to engage with the crowd,

spectators etc. That is the host managements responsibility. If there is no on-site administration available, then that responsibility falls on the host school's head coach.

Mechanics

***Prior to the match be sure to check the net, antennas, ball pressure, and the safety of the R1 stand**

1. What is the correct call if the team's second contact is a multiple contact that goes over the net? Answer: Illegal double-hit (signal #11) Remember--a second contact that is multiple contacts is only legal if the third contact occurs on their side.
2. How does the R2 initiate a net fault or center line fault? (a) blow a single whistle to stop play; (b) move to the side of the offending team and signal the fault; (c) indicate the number of the offending player to the R1 (Officials Manual page 55).
3. How does the R1 respond to the R2's net/center line call? (a) R1 initiates the result of the play (i.e. point/loss of rally signal #17); (b) display the player's uniform number. **The R1 doesn't repeat the fault signal. The R2 mirrors the R1's result of the play signal #17, but they don't repeat displaying the offending player's number (Official's Manual page 55 Initiating a Call 6.2.2.3).

Points to Ponder

1. The CF on Team S, reaching across the net, does not contact the ball but touches the setter's hands: (a) before the set; (b) during the set; (c) after the set. Ruling (a) and (b) are interference, over-the-net; (c) play continues with no penalty. Comment: If there is no interference then play continues. (Case Book page 38 9.6.3 Situation A).